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2. Military Information from Turnu Severin. 25X1AEVALUATION 25X1X☐PLACE OBTAINED DATE OF CONTENT July to December 1953DATE OBTAINED DATE PREPARED 14 April 1954REFERENCES 25X1APAGES 1 ENCLOSURES (NO. & TYPE) REMARKS 

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SOURCE 

1. About 15 Soviet officers ranking from lieutenant to major were observed lunching in the "23d of August" inn in the center of Braila (R 55/Z 13) in November 1953. From the behavior of the officers it was concluded that they had stayed at this inn for a long period. The officers wore khaki blouses with black, and red collar patches, and dark-blue trousers. Insignia observed included tank insignia and one consisting of crossed weapons or tools.
2. In July 1953, a large concrete bunker was under construction in the garden of the shipyard building between river kilometer markers 1930 and 1931 on the northern bank of the Danube River just beside the railroad tracks in Turnu Severin (R 23/24/E 98). By September 1953, the bunker was completed and covered with earth. It had no open field of fire toward the Danube River and was believed to be an air raid shelter. Rumanian border guard troops observed in the Turnu Severin port area wore green service color, collar patches mounting crossed-rifle insignia and round, yellow-red-blue cockades on their garrison caps. One of the border guards said that his unit was quartered in a cantonment, about 400 meters from the bank of the Danube River, between river kilometer markers 1930 and 1931. He also stated that border guard soldiers had to serve three years; that their daily pay was 1 leu and 3 cigarettes; and that far more than 1000 border guard troops were stationed at the post.
3. In November 1953, source observed a detachment of about 30 unarmed Soviet soldiers who wore brown blouses, dark-blue trousers and visor-type service caps walking from the port to the market place in Braila.

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